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## RADIANT PERSONALITY OF JOHN R. MOTT INSPIRES LARGE AUDIENCE

Dr. John R. Mott, on last Wednesday with his charming personality and radiant spiritual fervor moved the large audience assembled at Pine Street Auditorium to a larger realization of their personal responsibility in bringing the Kingdom of God into the hearts of all mankind.

## VOLLEY BALL

Report comes from Columbus, Ohio, that they are playing volley ball daily and with one ultimate motive in mind. "We must defeat St. Louis." We are playing three times a week and everybody is getting a whole lot of pleasure out of our games but if we are to retain our unquestioned leadership in the realm of volley ball, the team that will represent us in the regional tournament in Chicago and in our tournament in Columbus must get down to actual work.

Howard Lindsey, our star is now in Chicago coaching the team there and he writes that they are developing very fast. Indianapolis is hot on our trail and the game they put up last year convinced all that they will have to be reckoned with at the next meeting.

Uneasy should be the head that wears the crown in any line of sport. Every Thursday afternoon after class time from 1:30 to 2:00 all aspirants for the varsity teams are asked to remain for special practice. All players regardless of what class you are in are eligible to try out for the team. This starts Thursday, February 19th.

## KNEBEL SPEAKS SUNDAY

Mr. A. G. Knebel, Central Regional Secretary of Chicago, will address the Third February Sunday Meeting at Pine Street Sunday 15th. Mr. Knebel will speak from the subject: "Men Who Dare." Mrs. Evelyn Horton-Solomon will be the soloist. Public invited.

## EAST ST. LOUIS GLEE CLUB SINGS AT PINE STREET SUNDAY

Mr. A. M. Jackson, of East St. Louis High School, will favor our Third Sunday audience with a great musical treat from his Glee Club. Mr. Knebel of Chicago will be the speaker. Wonderful blessings await those who attend.

## BIBLE STUDY

### Seventy-five Men Wanted

What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. Matt 9:6.

Seventy-five men are wanted to discuss "Who Should Marry" led by Dr. J. J. Peters. One writer says, "Marriage is a sacred institution ordained by Jehovah for the purpose of replenishing the earth." If that be true, should the government permit epileptics and maroon-marry. On the other hand, since God has given them the power to love, should they be denied?

Study the above questions and come prepared to answer.

Twenty-seven men listened to Atty. J. L. McLemore Sunday discuss "The Great Vision." Then time was given for asking and answering questions, almost every man present wanted a chance to speak. Every man is asked to bring some one Sunday, will you?

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## Editorials

## "PROOF OF THE PUDDING"

"The Proof of the Pudding is in the eating thereof." So goes the old saying. Some years ago the builders of Pine St. Branch Y. M. C. A. decided to set apart half of the space on the main floor of the building for boys, and the use of such facilities as the class rooms, gymnasium and swimming pool for their training and enjoyment and provided to employ a secretary to give his entire time to this work of the Boys' Division.

At the time of the opening of the building a little brown boy who lived in the community where the founders deemed it fitting and necessary to place such a building (for the neighborhood's sake) became interested and found his way into the membership of the Boys' Division. He states that at this very time he was becoming inclined towards the worst habits of his poorly taught associates in spite of his widow mother's efforts to teach him "right" and keep him in school and Sunday School. Yes, he was at the dangerous age of fourteen when the "Y" doors opened to him.

The boy's interest in the "Y" program grew as he advanced in age and because he was being selected by the boys as their leader, he was made a member of the Boy's Executive Council. Later he was elected President of that body, and later still he became a part-time employee in the Division while he completed his

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## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

For the benefit of some of our old members who have not renewed their membership, also for some of our members friends, we find it necessary to publish our membership rates.

Men—Sustaining ..... \$15.00  
Full ..... \$10.00  
Social ..... \$ 3.00

## Social Membership Cash

Sustaining, \$5.00—Balance in 60 days.  
Full, \$3.00—Balance in 60 days.

LARGE AUDIENCE ATTENDS  
RACE RELATIONS SERVICE

A large audience, despite the heavy down pour of rain attended the Race Relations Service at the 'Y' last Sunday. The music was especially good having been rendered by some of St. Louis' leading artists giving fine expressions of interpretation of Negro composers. The Association is indebted to Miss Corneal for the music. Mrs. Bowles gave interesting sketches of the Life and works of Dunbar. Splendid and helpful views were given by Rev. Holt and Dr. Roman relative to Race Relations in America and the world.

## DORM AND LOBBY NEWS

## Visitors of the Dorm and Lobby

Mr. R. L. Logan, Kansas City  
Dr. C. V. Roman, Nashville, Tenn.  
Mr. J. A. Collins is back in the Pine Street family after a short visit to Kansas City.

Wanted—50 Dormitory men to be present and take part in a round table discussion here in the Lobby Saturday evening, February 14th, 1925 at 7:30 o'clock. All dormitory men are requested to be present.

Topic for discussion: "Can the Social Condition of the Y. M. C. A. be improved?"

## SUMMER HIGH vs K. R. T.

SAT. FEB. 14TH

It was announced some time ago that there would be a series of three games between the Summer High School Basketball team and the K. R. T.'s. The first of these games was played on January 24th and all who witnessed it testify that it was the most thrilling game of their lives. It took two extra five minute periods to decide the winner and the K. R. T.'s just nosed out by the score of 29 to 25.

The second game will be played Saturday, February 14th. The High School Boys must win this game in order to be further contenders for the local championship. The K. R. T. will put forth their best efforts to win to retain the much coveted leadership. Another great game is in store for all lovers of good basketball.

The admission is twenty-five cents and the big game will start at nine o'clock. A preliminary game between Scullin Steel Co. and Black Swans will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON MEN'S CLASS

The Physical Department, in arranging its schedule last summer, set aside two periods each week for an afternoon men class. The success of the noon classes and the fact that so large a group of men cannot come in at noon prompted this action.

Groups of men were interviewed with only a casual response. But the class is now going and the men testify it is just what they want and certainly need. It meets every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:00. We want more men to avail themselves of this opportunity to take an hour of healthful exercise. You will feel better from the start and never regret coming in. Start next Tuesday.

## EXCELSIORSVILLE Y. M. C. A. CLUB

Peerless Down Superiors 24-14  
Excelsiors Beat the Triangles 22-17  
By defeating the strong Triangles in the feature game of the League Saturday the Excelsiors went into a two game lead on first place, the largest held by any team since the opening of the League. With nine games yet to play the championship belongs to any of the teams.

## STANDING OF TEAMS

	P	W	L	PTS
Excelsiors .....	12	8	4	186
Triangles .....	12	6	6	202
Superiors .....	12	5	7	154
Peerless .....	12	5	7	158

## Saturday Games

Excelsiors vs Superiors  
Triangles vs Peerless

PINE STREET Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE  
Noonday Volley Ball League

	W	L	Pts.
Pathfinders .....	3	1	750
Superiors .....	2	2	500
Invincibles .....	2	2	500
Leaders .....	1	3	250

## Seniors Basket Ball League

K. R. T. ....	4	0	1000
Scullin .....	2	2	500
Cosmopolitan .....	2	2	500
Black Swans .....	1	3	250
C. R. T. ....	1	3	250

## Junior Basket Ball League

Cubs .....	7	3	700
Wild Cats .....	5	5	500
Buffaloes .....	5	5	500
Panthers .....	3	7	300

## League Games Saturday, February 14th

12:15 p. m. Leaders vs Superiors  
12:45 p. m. Pathfinders vs Invincibles  
6:45 p. m. Cubs vs Buffaloes—Panthers vs Wild Cats  
8:00 p. m. Scullin vs Black Swan

Miss Vandavall, Girls' Work Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. did not disappoint us on account of the hard rain but she gave the Life Builders one of the most enjoyable and helpful messages they have had this season. Her subject was "The Life of Phyllis Wheatley" the little slave girl who made her master's name famous.



## DR. HUNTER, SUNDAY 3 P. M.

The Life Builders Club presents Dr. M. A. Hunter of Columbus, Ohio and Master Melvin Hamilton, soloist at the 'Fred Douglass Day' celebration to be held at 3 p. m. Sunday. Dr. Hunter is going to give us the 'Life that Frederick Douglass Built' in a way that we will enjoy and remember it. Melvin will sing a special selection in his own splendid way. The poem 'O Captain! My Captain' will also be on program. **DON'T MISS IT.**

## E. B. B. NOTES

### THE ORIGINAL SIX

The six older employed boys who were on hand for initiation Saturday night are just the type of boys we feel will form a real foundation for the great employed Boys Brotherhood Movement which we have launched in St. Louis. Each one has proved his sincerity, purpose, intelligence and ability to the entire satisfaction of the Brotherhood advisor and the future will prove that no mistake has been made in their selection. No, they were not selected by the advisor but they were selected in as much as they qualified themselves and were present when the opportunity presented itself to them to become the 'corner stone' of our E. B. B. and they will represent the employed boy of their race in St. Louis at a city-wide inner-circle conference to be held at the Third Baptist Church (Grand at Washington) Feb. 17, 1925. Their names are Clarence Ellis, Charles Bouyer, John Day, Ethelbert Harvey, Harry McCall and Whitfield Edwards.

John Day is working at Regal Shoe Company's Store. He is not there to stay—nor should he be—but watch his record.

We are delighted to see Preston Banks back in school and joining church. That's decision, Preston. Go to it.

Paul Seddens is another world's wonder for an unemployed lad. How does he do it?

Employed boys will be glad to ob-

serve "glad hand" day on Fridays if it will help Pine Street boys to get the 'welcome' spirit to visitors.

Puzzle No. 1. Where did Fitin' Ben Ridley get those dimples and the trade of dress-cutting?

### \$5.00 FOR ORIGINAL POEMS!

Mr. Steward announced Sunday that \$5.00 in prizes is to be given to the 'Pine Street' boys (Midgets, Juniors and Seniors) who write the best original poem during this month. Try YOUR hand.

## "PROOF OF THE PUDDING"

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high school course. When he had finished high school it was necessary for him to get a full time job, but he continued to work faithfully with and for the boys of the "Y". Then came need for paid assistance in the Boys' Division and Physical Department and he was employed. He put in such tremendous effort to carry the entire Physical and boys work program (after the Physical Director resigned) that it was necessary for him to leave the work for the summer. He tried and only succeeded in getting himself off the Y. M. C. A. payroll, so well did he love the work.

It was about time for his decision as to which vocation to follow. The problem perplexed him because he had always planned to be a mechanic while now his heart was in the work which had "meant so much to him" and today we find him in Chicago Y. M. C. A. College studying to be a Y. M. C. A. Boys' Work Secretary and making GOOD. His record for the first two months so impressed the dean of his school that he writes him—"I'm for you, Howard, and appreciate sharing any ups and downs of life with you." Yes, Howard Odell Lindsey is his name. He's a product of Pine Street Y. M. C. A. He has "eaten thereof" and thinks enough of the "pudding" to give his life to it. Has the community need for better 'proof of the pudding'?